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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: Method and System for Resource Requirement Planning and
Generating a Production Schedule Using a Uniform Data Model

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

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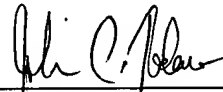
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The undersigned is also enclosing herewith a copy of a Search Report issued February 3, 2000 for the WO counterpart of the present patent application (Application No. PCT/EP99/06389), in which the presently disclosed references were cited.

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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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